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**Council on Environmental Quality Requests Public Comment on Potential Revisions to Update National Environment Policy Act Regulations**

On June 15, 2018, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) submitted an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) titled “Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act” to the *Federal Register* for publication and public comment.

**Background:**

- On August 15, 2017, President Trump issued [Executive Order 13807](#) which directed CEQ to develop an initial list of actions it would take to enhance and modernize the Federal environmental review and authorization process.
- In its [initial list of actions](#) published in the *Federal Register* on September 14, 2017, CEQ stated that it intended to review its 1978 regulations implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to identify potential updates and clarifications to those regulations.
- Over the past four decades, CEQ has issued numerous guidance documents but has amended its NEPA regulations substantively only once in 1986. Given the length of time since those regulations were issued, CEQ has determined it appropriate to solicit public comment on potential revisions to update the regulations.

**Request for Public Comment:**

- CEQ requests comment on potential revisions to update and clarify CEQ’s NEPA regulations. Comments should be submitted on or before July 20, 2018. To comment, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments to Docket ID No. CEQ-2018-0001.
- Through a series of 20 questions, CEQ is requesting comments on provisions of the regulations related to the NEPA process and the scope of NEPA review.

**Next Steps:**

- Following the conclusion of the public comment period, CEQ will review the comments before taking any potential further action.